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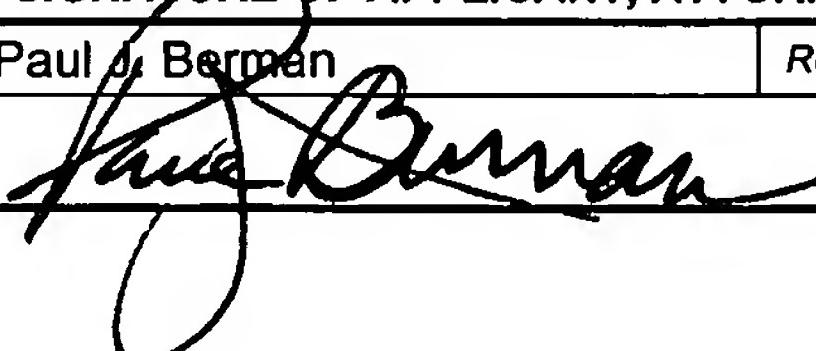
Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<i>Application Number</i>	10/050,608-Conf. #4635
	<i>Filing Date</i>	January 18, 2002
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Tetsumasa Ito
	<i>Art Unit</i>	1634
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	B. J. Forman
	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	027929.101-US00

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Check in the amount of \$ 880.00 enclosed
 - c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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For: GENE DETECTION SYSTEM, GENE
DETECTION DEVICE USING SAME,
DETECTION METHOD, AND GENE
DETECTING CHIP

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION (37 CFR 1.116)

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-5, 9-12 and 20-22, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments dispose of the issues presented in the final rejection and/or place the claims in condition for appeal.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and

any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

Please note that the Amendment to the Claims and Remarks in this response are identical to the amendment to the Claims and Remarks submitted in an Amendment in Response to Final Office Action (37 CFR 1.116) on March 23, 2004. In an Advisory Action mailed March 31, 2004, the Examiner advised that the amendments and new claims submitted on March 23, 2004 would require further search and consideration, and would not be entered at that time.